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185 INDONESIANS KILLED IN TURISCAI FIGHTING

A total of 185 Indonesian soldiers were killed in fighting around Turiscai, a village south of Dili and east of Maubisse, Radio Maubere ,the National Radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, reported on March 4.

Five traitors were also killed and eleven wounded in this fighting, which took place between February 4 and 24. Fretilin suffered five dead and one wounded.

In Baucau, area, on February 26, one enemy unit with about 600 men advanced on three fronts over one Fretilin position. "Fretilin revolutionary forces have immediately and strongly acted on the enemy, causing heavy casualties and repelled it. In revenge ,the enemy has burnt out all the houses that they have found on the way back. Fretilin forces have captured several more equipment to (from?) the enemy including ammunition," Mr Alarico Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security in the DRET said on Radio Maubere on March 4.

In Vemasse, on February 26 ,one Indonesian helicopter landed in BIRAK to support demoralised Indonesian troops. The enemy is still blocked in LALEIA and is being "strongly punished by the glorious Fretilin forces", Mr Fernandes said.

In Lospalos, on February 20, Fretilin forces ambushed the enemy between Rarocorocor and Ateavatu , destroying one enemy heavy truck and killing all its occupants. On the same day,in another action, Fretilin forces killed another five Indonesian soldiers and wounded a high number.

In Soibada, on February 9, in Tassifati "Fretilin forces in battle duties killed four Indonesian soldiers and two traitors. We have captured two Indonesian automatic rifles and ammunitions as well," Mr Fernandes said.

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--Denis Freney for ETNA collective

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PRESIDENT XAVIER DO AMARAL SENDS
MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIANS --
NEW DETAILS ON MURDER OF ROGER EAST

The following message was received on the Darwin Public Radio Receiver, operated by the Campaign for Independent East Timor, March 23 :

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR
FRETILIN
PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC

Message to comrades of the Campaign for Independent East Timor across Australia and brother Australian people in general.

On behalf of the Fretilin Central Committee, Government , people of East Timor and myself, I present revolutionary greetings and wishes of a long life.

The people of East Timor are following step by step the great action you are carrying out on behalf of their just struggle which is indeed one of the most valuable contributions for the people of East Timor to continue their just struggle against the vandal Indonesian invaders with more fervour and determination.

I am very pleased to express to comrades of the CIET across Australia and brother Australian people in general, our highest appreciation and deepest sympathy and will ask to appeal to you to continue doing your utmost and (unable to hear word) of the people of East Timor in Australia and around the world, in other terms peace, freedom and progress can be achieved in East Timor as soon as possible.

Long life to internationalist militancy
Independence or death
The victory is certain
The struggle is continuing

Highest regards,23/3/77
F XAVIER DO AMARAL
President ,Fretilin Central Committee and President DRET

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR -- FRETILIN
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Message to CIET and brother Australian people

Roger East -- the sixth Australian journalist murdered by Indonesian troops in East Timor. Murder will out. On the day before the Indonesian fullscale armed invasion over the capital Dili,I myself met brother Roger East on the street I spoke to him. He was calm and apparently happy.

On the following day, 7/12/75 the Indonesians have launched the criminal aggressi- over Dili by sea, ground and air dropping unfortunatei Indonesian paratroopers. Bombardments, mortar shelling, machine gunning and shooting were terribly intense.

About 10am, in the Fretilin army headquarters, I have asked for the unforgotten comrade Commandment Carmo to find out brother Roger East. However, comrade Carmo was murdered by the Indonesian soldiers on his way to downtown, close to Dili cemetry.

As was already reported,now more eye-witnesses escaped from Dili,concerned that brother Roger East was brutally shot dead by one Indonesian soldier on 8/12/75 at 9am in the capital Dili, just in front of the ex-County Council.

Roger East was found by the Indonesians on the streets and being ordered to "hands up" immediately had obeyed. However, despite of that one Indonesian soldier has opened fire on him lying down brother Roger East in a bloodshed. His body was launched on the shore and later on incinerated by the Indonesians in order to silence the crime.

To the brother Australian people in general, and particularly to the families of the six Australian journalists murdered by the vandal Indonesian troops in East Timor, we express our deepest condolences and reaffirm that their names will also be remembered as heroes by the people of East Timor from' generation to generation.

Indonesian troops/atrocities are still being carried out over the people of East Timor which have included the murder of the six Australian citizens have only strengthened the solidarity between the two peoples.

Against the Indonesian reactionary violence, the peopleof East Timor are heroically opposing with the revolutionary violence just to defend their just freedom , sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Independence or death
The victory is certain
The struggle is continuing

A Jorge Fernandes, 26/3/77
Secretary of Information and National Security of Fretilin Central Committee

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DRET - FRETILIN DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

East Timor will never be an Indonesian colony. Fighting is continuing. In LOILUBU, Baucau area,on March 22, Fretilin forces have killed six Indonesian soldiers and wounded a lot. The others have fled away highly demoralised

In QUELICAI area, on March 20, Fretilin forces acting on the enemy have eliminated six Indonesian soldiers and seriously wounded three as the last captured one automatic rifle. Fretilin suffered one slight wounded. In VENILALE, on March 17, the enemy has advanced over one Fretilin position. Fierce fighting went on. Fretilin forces have withdrawn the enemy killing 21 Indonesian soldiers and wounded a great number.Fretilin didn't suffer any casualties.Indonesian warships are continuously patrolling and bombarding areas of the south coast and the large(?) planes and helicopters.In repriaal, of the losses the enemy is increasing revenge on the captured population by torturing,massacring and raping.
Independence of death. Armed struggle is continuing. The victory is certain.
Highest regards, Alarico Jorge Fernandes, 27/3/77

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DETAILS OF INDONESIAN ATROCITIES FROM ESCAPEES FROM CONCENTRATION CAMPS

The following communique was received on the public radio receiver in Darwin on March 23 and 24 :

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR --FRETILIN
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

(To 12 addresses including Secretary-General of UN, President Samora Machel,President Neto, Mr Jim Dunn, AETA and CIET and press agencies).

1) Fighting in East Timor is continuing very intense and the enemy is carrying out a violent wave of revenge on the defenceless captured population because of the heavy losses of the enemy all over the country.

For these reasons and mainly because they have got aware of their condition as slaves and the Javanese colonialism, over 1500 captured population have fled away in the last week from the Indonesian concentration camps ,seeking protection in Fretilin-controlled areas. All of them were dying from starvation and due to the brutal treatment still showing recent signals (signs?) of tortures mainly caused from burnigg along their bodies.

Those ones, particularly escaped from Dili, including a good number of ex-UDT and APODETI supporters, were eye-witnesses to the most terrific atrocities carried out by the Indonesian troops on the civilian population in Dili.

2) -- They have confirmed that the Indonesian troops have murdered only in the first and second day of the invasion about 2000 of the civilian population without discrimination of colour, age,sex and ideology ,including one Australian citizen, the unforgotten murdered Roger East, Australian journalist.

They still confirmed the fight (?) major atrocities were carried out by the Indonesian troops.

Here are the places and names of the deathsthat they could identify :

a) -- in front of the ex-military police (building) , on December 7 and 8,1975, Indonesian troops have executed 300 people including children, ex-UDT and ex-APODETI supporters.

Fortunately, JOAO BRITO has escaped from that mass assassination because he was protected by the other dead bodies and at night fled away from Dili to the mountains. This is the best eye-witness.

b) -- The place where the next execution took place on 7-8 December 75 was Colmere shopping centre, Vila Verde. Here are some identifications of the civilian population executed by the Indonesian troops, being the majority Chinese, which have been produced by eye-witnesses now in Fretilin-controlled areas :

1) JONG KWEN I (2) LAY CHUN TO (3) LAY PIN LENG (4) A SIO (5) LEONG Y FOA (6) VONG SEN FA (7) JONG JUNG JUNG and his wife, MRS LAY (8) LI NONG KI (9) LI CHAP PIN and his wife, Mrs. SAU JONG (10) LI CHAP KAM (11) A CAU (12) LAY MI FONG and his son, KIAN PAU (13) JONG SAI SANG (14) LAY ZIM FAN (15) LAY ZU PO (16) LAY SU HIANG (17) CHUNG SEU SING (18) LAY TIN HING (19) LAY ZOK IN (20) CHANG MEU TAC (21) LAY LEN KIONG and his son, (22) LAY CHOM LAIN (23) PUC KEM ZAON (24) LI CHIC CHANG (25) LI NHEU KI (26) ZEM A FACO (27) CHAM I DIM (28) LAY KOET NHI .He was driver. (29) LIEN (?)I PENG (30) LAY TO LEONG (31) JANUARIO .He was Cabo Verde citizen

(32) ABEL. He was nothing -- innocent.He was murdered together with another three comrades. (33) LAI ZIU MIN. He was driver and also been killed his son.

c) -- Another place where major execution took place was in Dili harbour wgere according to the eye-witnesses over 50 civilians have been murdered by the Indonesian troops from 7th. to 9th December 1975.

Here are the names of these ones could be identified as such :
1) Rosa Bonaparte, member of Fretilin Central Committee ;
2) Isabel Lobato, Prime Minister N Lobato's wife ;
3) Borja da Costa, member of the Fretilin Central Committee ;
4) Bernadino Bonaparte, member of Fretilin Central Committee.
Among the dead there were also 28 other Timorese where identification was difficult to obtain.

d) -- Another place of major execution was in front of the ex-County Council on 8/12/75 where have been murdered over 200 people, amongst Timorese,Chinese and one Australian journalist, unforgotten brother Roger East whose body was cremated.

3) -- According to the reports of the eye witnesses from several parts of Dili, about 1800 civilian population have been murdered by Indonesian troops in the outskirts of the capital, during the first week of the Indonesian invasion.

4) -- the Indonesian shooting mumber 403 have executed 8/6/76 the following population mainly Chinese.
a) BONONARO : 1) VOM TIM NHAM (2) I SIN FU (3) I SIN SON (4) SAM I TAC
In MAUBARA : (1) JAP SUN SU (2) JAP NHI SU (3) JON I KON (4) NHEU SEU JU (5) NHEU SIP SIM (6) NHEU LI HEAM (7) NHEU PI HEAM (8) TJIA KOET LEON (9) LAU FAO FA (10) LAY SUN SON (11) LAY IT PIN (12) SUM WEU JUN (13) JOM A FUC (14) NHEU SEU VET (15) ABEL NHEU (16) LAY KIUM LIM (17) LAY SE LIU (18) LAY A KEU.He was 15 years old. (19) LOM KIM SIUM (20) RIOLO LAY. He was 21 years old.(21) JOM TE PO He was 15 years old. Besides these murdered 25 more Timorese have also been executed together.

5)-- All these figures only represent a small portion of atrocities being carried out by the Indonesian troops over the population of East Timor.However along the Indonesian criminal actions,this Department of Information and National Security have continuously being announced to the outside world.

6) -- Once again we denounce to the world that the vandal Indonesian troops are using for their military aggression over the people of East Timor the following war material: a) -- Helicopters --UH-I/I ton -USA ; CH-47/ 3.5 ton -USA .
b)- Landing craft --Hercules/ C-130 -USA ; Bronco OV-10 -USA ; (c)- tanks and armoured cars of US brand US army ;(d) -Trucks GMC -USA.
7) - Over 15 months of Indonesian criminal war aggression have gone and although the human suffering in East Timor is due to the superiority of the enemy armaments, the heroic people of East Timor under the glorious Central Committee leadership, are victoriously advancing to the victory because the certainty of the victory is the power of our unity.

Independence or death. Victory is certain. Armed struggle continues.

Alarico Jorge Fernandes, Minister of Information and National Security. 24/3/77

(Note: additionsi in brackets added by ETNA. The message was sent in two parts on March 23 and 24, and corrections made again on March 27).